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John Vosburgh was 20 in 1782 (War Office Papers)

My dear Mr. Lavell:

The notation on your letter to Miss Harris is self explanatory. I am hoping that you may suggest someone who can help me.

From the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, I have a record of John Vosburgh's petition to the Government for land because he married the daughter of a Loyalist, - Hannah Shibley, daughter of John and Helena Gardiner Shibley. This was dated at York, Nov. 13, 1797. He was recommended for 200 acres. Where this land was located I do not know but I imagine around Ernestown because that is where the children were baptized.

Baptisms of children were given to me by the Ontario Historical Society as found in Vols I and VI of Papers and Records. Also from the librarian of the Univ. of Toronto who also found information in the same papers. Rev. G. C. Dupre of Kingston Ontario, Registrar of The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario also sent me some from his records. They were all baptized at Ernestown.

John C. Vosburgh died in Sacket's Harbor, New York, but I find no trace of him there so I imagine they took him back to Canada and buried him. His widow was there in 1835 but no mention of him there at that date, so he must have died before that date.

As his middle initial is "C" which stands for Cornelius in the Vosburgh family and his first child was named "Cornelius", I am quite sure his father's name was Cornelius. I have a record of a Cornleius Vosburgh, born 1741, who had a son John born 1765 and I am quite sure this John and my John C. are the same person but cannot prove it. The Vosburgh family first settled in Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York.

There must be a record of his land at the County Clerk's office but I have written there without any reply to my letter. There may also be a Will too but I don't know to whom to write to find out. He may be buried on the Shibley lot at Ernestown. If there is any way that I could find the date of his birth, then I could tie him up with the records I have of the Vosburgh family.

Whatever suggestions you may have will be greatly appreciated. I shall thank you to send this to the proper person.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Pearl Van Vackenburg

